

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the conventional motor-driven power steering control apparatus mentioned above, the motor drive command value is not instantaneously set to zero when a trouble of the control apparatus is detected but the motor drive command value having been effective immediately before the occurrence of trouble is set as an initial value which is then gradually decreased or decremented as a function of time lapse to thereby suppress ~~fast~~rapid change of the steering torque upon occurrence of the trouble so that the driver of the motor vehicle can get free of the feeling of discomfort in his or her steering operation.